

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Terry Murphy, on April 3, 2009 at  
3:30 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch  
Linda Keim, Acting Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 23, 3/30/2009

Executive Action: SR 23, HB 578

**HEARING ON SR 23**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:49 Sen. Roy Brown (R), SD 25, opened the hearing on SR 23, Confirm DPHHS director.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:34 Bruce Nelson, Chief of Staff to Governor Schweitzer  
00:02:24 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association  
00:02:50 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Harlowton, and all Montana Catholic Hospitals  
00:03:54 Rep. Mary Caferro, HD 80, advocate for WEEL (Working for Equality in Economic Liberation)  
00:04:27 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health, and Montana Advocates for children  
00:05:30 James Steel, Chair, Confederated Kootenai and Salish Tribes  
00:06:39 Bill Slaughter, self  
00:07:52 Sen. Trudy Schmidt, SD 11, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony from Nominee:**

00:09:15 Anna Whiting Sorrell

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:15 Sen. Larsen  
00:13:55 Ms. Sorrell  
00:14:34 Sen. Brown  
00:21:02 Ms. Sorrell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:01 Sen. Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 23**

00:22:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Schmidt moved that **SR 23 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Lewis voted by proxy.

00:23:32 Sen. Schmidt  
00:23:40 Sen. Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 578**

00:24:57 Sen. Brown

00:25:02 Rep. Caferro

00:25:31 **Motion:** Sen. Schmidt moved that **HB 578 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:25:47 Sen. Schmidt

00:25:57 Sen. Larsen

00:26:28 Sen. Hinkle

00:26:39 Rep. Caferro

00:27:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously 7-0 by voice vote.  
Sen. Lewis voted by proxy. Sen. Hinkle will carry the  
bill on the Senate floor.

00:28:32 Sen. Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:58 P.M.

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Linda Keim, Acting Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([phs74aad.pdf](#))**